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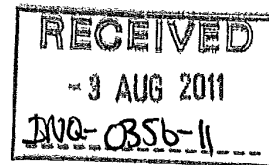
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Dear Madam

RE: INQUIRY INTO HYPONATRAEMIA RELATED DEATHS

I refer to your letter dated 8th June 2011 (BC-0025-11.)

Question 1(i) – Adam Strain's previous anaesthetic records, including those going back to 1991, are stored in his medical records. Medical records are retrieved within an hour, so as Adam's admission was registered at 8pm on 26th November 1995 and he was formally admitted to the ward at 9pm on 26th November 1995, by 27th November 1995 his previous anaesthetic records will have been on Musgrave Ward until they left with the patient to go to the operating theatre at about 6.00am on 27th November.

Question 1(ii) One hour.

Question 2(i,ii, and iii) – The nursing duty rotas for the period of Adam's admission from 26th November – 28th November 1995 have been destroyed in accordance with hospital policy and therefore the Trust is unable to identify the particular members of staff as requested. However the Trust has been advised by the recollection of a long serving member of staff that the three members of nursing staff who covered the RBHSC night sister rota at the time were Dorothy Martin, Iris Kincaid and Deirdre McMullan.

Question 3 (i,ii,iii and iv) The medical staff duty rotas for the period of Adam's admission from 26th November – 28th November 1995 have not been retained and therefore the Trust cannot identify the member of staff requested. I would refer you to my letter of 8th June in this regard. I would also confirm that the Trust's Human Resources Department have been asked for a list of all trainee Anaesthetists employed by the Trust in November 1995 together with their GMC numbers and contact details.

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Question 4 (i) Between 1st April 1993 and 26th November 1995 Dr Taylor was involved in 0 renal transplants in the RBHSC.

Between 1st April 1993 and 26th November 1995 Mr Keane was involved in 1 renal transplant and this took place on 17th November 1995 in the RBHSC.

4(ii) – Response to follow

4(iii) – Between 28th November 1995 and 13th October 2010 Dr Taylor was involved in 6 renal transplants in RBHSC. These took place on 6.11.96, 1.8.97, 26.9.05, 3.11.06, 5.2.09 and 6.9.10.

Between 28th November 1995 and 13th October 2010 Mr Keane was involved in 2 renal transplants in the RBHSC. These took place on 16.6.96 and 31.3.00.

4(iv) –Response to follow

Question 5 (i) - Adam Strain's urine sodium concentration results including those going back to 1991 are stored in his medical records. As advised above, medical records are retrieved within an hour, so as Adam's admission was registered at 8pm on 26th November 1995, by 27th November 1995 his urine sodium concentration results will have been on Musgrave Ward until they left with the patient to go to the operating theatre at about 6.00am.

Although Dr Taylor's answer at page 37, Q.97 (b) only refers to five 1991 urinary sodium results he would have had available at the same time all the other results :

19.12.91 049-030-178	17.02.92 050-024-209
20.12.91 049-030-182	26.02.92 050-024-225
02.01.92 050-024-163	25.03.92 052-025-074
06.01.92 050-024-185	29.05.92 053-028-084
09.01.92 050-024-176	02.12.92 054-059-167
08.02.92 050-024-222	17.11.93 055-054-134
12.02.92 050-024-214	16.12.93 055-054-161
14.02.92 050-024-211	

Question 5 (ii) - One hour

Yours faithfully

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